GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3943
ANSWERED ON:09.04.2003
REDUCTION IN STD RATES BY BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL) has made major reduction in STD rates;

(b) if so, the extent thereof and the date from which it became effective;

(c) whether the BSNL also proposes to reduce the ISD rate; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A major reduction of STD rates was effected by BSNL by reducing long distance call charges beyond 500 kms. from Rs. 9 per minute to Rs. 4.80 per minute from 7th March, 2003.

(c) At present there is no proposal under consideration in BSNL for reduction in the ISD rates.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.